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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable EDWARD M. KENNEDY, a Senator from the State of Massachusetts.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, we ask that your Holy Spirit will fill the hearts and minds of our Nation's leadership on this day. Bless them with sacred wisdom that they may truly lead us through the complex issues that confront our people. Give them the courage to hold to what they believe to be right, and the humility to receive more truth than they possess.

Most of all, O God, we ask that You will give these leaders Your own great dreams for our life together, dreams that are greater than party allegiances, and certainly greater than the ambition any individual would carry into this Chamber. By Your Holy Spirit accommodate Your will to our political process that it may be used to lead this Nation to a future which is filled with hope.

And when the day is done and the Chamber is again empty, may all who have come here to serve the Republic know that their work has not been in vain. Encourage them in the certain conviction that You will use this day to build Your own great kingdom on Earth. This we ask in the name of the Lord, whose way we prepare. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable EDWARD M. KENNEDY led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 24, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD M. KENNEDY, a Senator from the State of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. KENNEDY thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 517, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 517) to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006 and for other purposes.

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman further modified amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute.

Landrieu/Kyl amendment No. 3050 (to amendment No. 2917), to increase the transfer capability of electric energy transmission systems through participant-funded investment.

Schumer/Clinton amendment No. 3093 (to amendment No. 2917), to prohibit oil and gas

drilling activity in Finger Lakes National Forest, New York.

Dayton amendment No. 3097 (to amendment No. 2917), to require additional findings for FERC approval of an electric utility merger.

Murkowski/Breaux/Stevens amendment No. 3132 (to amendment No. 2917), to create jobs for Americans, to reduce dependence on foreign sources of crude oil and energy, to strengthen the economic self determination of the Inupiat Eskimos and to promote national security.

Feinstein amendment No. 3225 (to amendment No. 2917), to modify the provision relating to the renewable content of motor vehicle fuel to eliminate the required volume of renewable fuel for calendar year 2004.

Feinstein amendment No. 3170 (to amendment No. 2917), to reduce the period of time in which the Administrator may act on a petition by 1 or more States to waive the renewable fuel content requirement.

Fitzgerald amendment No. 3124 (to amendment No. 2917), to modify the definitions of biomass and renewable energy to exclude municipal solid waste.

Cantwell amendment No. 3234 (to amendment No. 2917), to protect electricity consumers.

Amendment No. 3231, as modified, which was to have been printed in yesterday's RECORD, is as follows:

(Purpose: To clarify the structure for, and improve the focus of, global climate change science research)

On page 470, beginning with line 10, strike through line 7 on page 532 and insert the following:

TITLE XIII—CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Subtitle A—Department of Energy Programs
SEC. 1301. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH.

(a) PROGRAM DIRECTION.—The Secretary, acting through the Office of Science, shall conduct a comprehensive research program to understand and address the effects of energy production and use on the global climate system.

(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—

(1) CLIMATE MODELING.—The Secretary shall—

(A) conduct observational and analytical research to acquire and interpret the data needed to describe the radiation balance from the surface of the Earth to the top of the atmosphere;

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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